



2018 HAVA Election Security Grant Program Narrative

Award and Match

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 provided additional Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Section 101 funds to “improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements.”

Tennessee has received \$7,565,418 from the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). We understand that a \$378,271 (5%) state match is required by March 22, 2020. Rather than seek an appropriation during the upcoming state budget, these funds will be provided by departmental cost savings in the 2017-2018 state fiscal year. We acknowledge that the funds must be used by March 22, 2023.

Voting Equipment Replacement and Upgrades

In Tennessee, county election commissions decide which voting system to use in their jurisdiction. Counties may purchase any system that has been approved for use in the state by the State Election Commission and Coordinator of Elections. We have used and will continue to use existing HAVA dollars to provide subgrants to assist counties in the purchase of approved voting systems. These new funds will supplement that ongoing effort.

We anticipate continuing to distribute funds based on the number of precincts and early voting sites in each county and have budgeted \$4,342,000 to address needs in this category.

Voting Registration Systems and Management

The Division of Elections oversees the statewide voter registration database, which is managed by one system administrator. In 2017, we implemented an online voter registration system, and with our continued focus on securing our system and systems at the county level, it may become necessary to employ an additional staff member to assist in providing technical support to county election commissions.

Additionally, we are considering upgrading our current statewide voter registration system, which would require new software and infrastructure.

We have budgeted \$2,000,000 to address needs in this category.

Cyber Vulnerabilities & Training

The Division of Elections has engaged with a leading cybersecurity vendor to offer on-site scans to each county election commission office prior to the November 2018 general election at a cost of approximately \$260,000. The Division of Elections will use the results of these scans to

determine if further mitigation measures are needed and will use these funds as necessary to make improvements.

We plan to explore offering remote scans on a regular basis going forward. Based on one estimate, quarterly scans of each of Tennessee's 95 county election commissions would cost \$744,000 annually.

The Division of Elections will also provide state and county election officials with online security training curriculum on an annual basis and will provide additional in-person and online training opportunities regarding timely subjects.

We have budgeted \$1,601,689 toward needs in this category.

Summary

As detailed on the attached Budget Narrative, our proposed budget to implement the goals stated above is as follows:

Category	Federal	State	Total
Voting Equipment	\$4,124,900	\$217,100	\$4,342,000
Voter Registration Systems	\$1,900,000	\$100,000	\$2,000,000
Cyber Security	\$1,540,518	\$61,718	\$1,601,689
Total	\$7,565,418	\$378,271	\$7,943,689

2018 HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT

Budget Information

CFDA # 90.404

Non-Construction Program

Name of Organization:

Tennessee Department of State

Budget Period Start:

3/23/2018

Budget Period End:

3/22/2023

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

FEDERAL & NON-FEDERAL FUNDS (Match)

(Consolidated Budget for total project term--
up to 5 years as defined by grantee)

PROGRAM CATEGORIES

BUDGET CATEGORIES	(a) Voting Equipment	(b) Election Auditing	(c) Voter Registration Systems	(d) Cyber Security	(e) Communications	(f) Other	(g) Other	TOTALS	% Fed Total
1. PERSONNEL (including fringe)			\$ 300,000.00					\$ 300,000.00	4%
2. EQUIPMENT			\$ 1,600,000.00					\$ 1,600,000.00	21%
3. SUBGRANTS- to local voting jurisdictions	\$ 4,124,900.00							\$ 4,124,900.00	55%
4. TRAINING				\$ 100,000.00				\$ 100,000.00	1%
5. All OTHER COSTS				\$ 1,440,518.00				\$ 1,440,518.00	19%
6. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (1-6)	\$ 4,124,900.00	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 1,540,518.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,565,418.00	
7. INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)								\$ -	0%
8. Total Federal Budget	\$ 4,124,900.00	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 1,540,518.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,565,418.00	
11. Non-Federal Match	\$ 217,100.00		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 61,171.00				\$ 378,271.00	
12. Total Program Budget	\$ 4,342,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,601,689.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,943,689.00	
13. Percentage By Category	55%	0%	25%	20%	0%	0%	0%		

Proposed State Match

5.0%

A. Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government or some other non-federal entity?

No

If yes, please provide the following information:

B. Period Covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (mm/dd/yyyy-mm/dd/yyyy):

C. Approving Federal agency:

D. If other than Federal agency, please specify:

E. The Indirect Cost Rate is: